

REMARKS

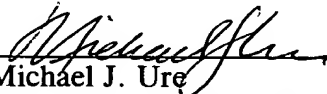
The Office Action of April 13, 1999 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the claims have been amended as set forth above. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter, which indication is appreciatively acknowledged. These claims have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, set forth in the Office Action.

Accordingly, claims 1-17 are believed to be allowable. Notice of the same is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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